

Invitation to Express Interest in Bidding for the Available Radio Spectrum in the 850 MHz, 900 MHz and 2 GHz Bands

On 20 November 2009, the Telecommunications Authority (“TA”) issued a consultation paper entitled “Assignment of the Available Radio Spectrum in the 850 MHz, 900 MHz and 2 GHz Bands” (“Consultation Paper”) to solicit views from the industry and interested parties about the assignment of the radio spectrum of the 832.5 – 837.5 MHz paired with 877.5 – 882.5 MHz (“Block A”), 885 – 890 MHz paired with 930 – 935 MHz (“Block B”) and 2010 – 2019.7 MHz band (“Block C1 and C2”). The Consultation Paper mentions that expression of interest (“Expression of Interest”) will be invited separately from bodies and organizations in bidding for the relevant radio spectrum with a view to gauging the level of commercial interest from the industry. The TA would take stock of the Expression of Interest received and submissions to the Consultation Paper before making decision on the issues.

2. In this regard, the TA would like to invite interested parties to express their interests in bidding for the aforesaid frequency blocks. Interested parties should submit their Expression of Interest including but not limited to the following information to the TA **on or before 20 January 2010**:

- the frequency block(s) preferred;
- the service(s) to be provided with each of the preferred frequency blocks;
- the technology to be used for each of the preferred frequency blocks; and
- the service deployment schedule with each of the preferred frequency blocks.

3. This invitation does not constitute an offer or invitation to participate in the bidding of spectrum for the provision of fixed / mobile / converged services, nor does it constitute the basis of any contract which may be concluded in relation to the bidding exercise or in respect of any allocation of spectrum for the provision of fixed / mobile / converged services. Further, this invitation does not represent any decision of the TA on the issues discussed in the Consultation Paper. Those issues remain subject to consultation and consideration. This invitation should not be construed as indicating that the

TA has formed any opinion or decision on those issues. This invitation shall not bind the TA to allocate or assign any spectrum, or to grant any licence.

4. Individual Expression of Interest received will not be disclosed to the public and the identities of the submitting parties will be kept confidential. Information collected through this invitation will be used by the TA in his analysis and only the responses in aggregate may be published. Any party submitting the Expression of Interest should clearly identify any commercially sensitive information so that the TA will take reasonable care when presenting the aggregate information contained in any future Government's publication.

5. Please send your submission, marked with "**Expression of Interest in Bidding for the Available Radio Spectrum in the 850 MHz, 900 MHz and 2 GHz Bands**", to the Office of the Telecommunications Authority by any of the following means:-

By post: Office of the Telecommunications Authority
29/F Wu Chung House
213 Queen's Road East
Wanchai
Hong Kong
Attention: Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager (R22)

By fax: (852) 2834 1501

By e-mail: consult850-900-2000@ofta.gov.hk

Office of the Telecommunications Authority

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